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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, June 4.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00.
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TAYLOR TELLS LEE LET STORY TO THE JURORS

Efforts of the Defense to Show a Fatal Variance
Between the Indictment and Proof Offered
---Thompson's Cross-Examination.

The taking of testimony in the Lee Let case began yesterday morning before Judge Robinson and the jury which had been secured the day before. The indictment against Lee Let was read and then Deputy Attorney General Larnach briefly outlined what the prosecution would prove. This statement was brief and merely that Taylor, at Lee Let's initiative, had had several interviews with Lee Let in which the latter had proposed that Taylor, for a consideration of \$900 a week, should allow a hui of which Lee Let claimed to be the spokesman carry on gambling games, and had paid him \$50 on account of this purpose.

A. P. Taylor was the first witness called. He testified that he was a police officer and Chief of Detectives. He had been commissioned, but the original commission had been mislaid. A copy was offered in evidence. Thompson narrowly cross-examined Taylor as to how the commission was mislaid. He then objected to its introduction on two grounds—first, that the non-production of the commission had not been sufficiently explained, and, second, that the commission created Taylor a "police constable," while the indictment charged the defendant with bribing a "police officer," which he said was a totally different thing.

Deputy Attorney General Larnach replied that the indictment charged the bribing of an "executive officer, to wit: a police officer," and that the words "police officer" might be treated as surplusage. To this Thompson replied that in that case the indictment would have been demurrable as not specifically alleging the crime charged; for the Attorney General was an executive officer, and though an Attorney General had been attempted to be reached in this way, this was not that case. Deputy Attorney General Sutton produced a decision from the Fifteenth Hawaiian Reports in which the Supreme Court had held that the terms "police officer and police constable" were synonymous. A search disclosed the fact, however, that this decision was in a civil case where the question was the sufficiency of service of civil process, and that it was at a time when the statute spoke indiscriminately of police officers and constables, while the county act under which the present Sheriff was acting seemed to provide only for police officers.

Judge Robinson examined Taylor further to determine just what search had been made for the original commission. It seems that Taylor, before leaving for San Francisco, had gathered up a large number of papers of value to put in a safe place during his absence. He had intended to take his commission with him to San Francisco as a means of his own identification there, and while he had seen it when gathering up his papers, he could not say positively that he had actually taken it to San Francisco.

Judge Robinson ruled that the copy could not be introduced at this time because it had not been shown that sufficient search had been made for the original. As to the second point, whether there was a fatal variance between the indictment and the commission, it was not passed on, and seems now not to be important, as Taylor was temporarily withdrawn and Sheriff Iaukea was called, and he testified that he had appointed Taylor a police officer.

TAYLOR A POLICEMAN.

Thompson wanted to cross-examine at this point to find out if he had issued a commission, but this was ob-

jected to by Larnach and the objection was sustained. Judge Robinson turning the laugh on Thompson by saying that while the original commission was the best evidence of what the commission contained, the testimony of the appointing power that he had made an appointment was quite as good evidence as the commission issued to the appointee.

Taylor's status as a police officer and an executive officer having thus been established, he was recalled to tell the story of the alleged bribery.

TAYLOR MEETS LEE LET.

Taylor testified that he knew the defendant. He first met him on Tuesday, February 5, at the store of Yuen Chong. He went there in company with H. M. Ayres to meet a Chinaman whose name he did not then know, but whom he has since learned was Lee Let. He went by arrangement made by H. M. Ayres. They entered at the King street door and were met by Lee Tong, who conducted them through the store to a back room, where the four sat down and refreshments were brought in.

PRELIMINARY SMALL TALK.

The conversation at first was in different subjects, the lichee nuts, which formed part of the refreshments, furnishing one topic, their original habitat and their place in the economy of Chinese hospitality being spoken of. Finally Lee Let said he had something private to say to Taylor. The latter asked if Ayres might not remain, but Lee Let said not, and Lee Tong and Ayres went out. When they were alone Lee Let said he wanted to speak about something which would be good for both of them; that his cousin, Lee Tong, wanted to start up gambling games, papai-kau and che-fa, but that Lee Tong was new to the business and that he, Lee Let, had better represent him. Lee Let said Lee Tong had good backing, and that what they wanted was to be allowed to start papai-kau games at Chinese New Year's time and that they would pay Taylor \$900 a week. In addition, Lee Let offered to supply a detective or informer, who would supply Taylor with information as to other games that would start up, so that raids could be made on them. There was discussion as to details of the plan, and an engagement for the next day was made.

THE SECOND DAY.

The next day Taylor went, accompanied by Officer Leal, to a point across the street from the Yuen Chong store. Taylor went into the store and went to the back room and found Lee Let alone. On this occasion there was further discussion on the general subject. Further details were gone into. Lee Let said that the hui which he represented thought \$900 a week too much and that \$700 a week was enough; that that was the amount they had formerly paid. Moreover, in case any of the gamblers at the Lee Let hui gambling places were arrested, Taylor was to furnish them a lawyer and pay their fines, if they were fined, out of the \$700 or \$900 a week. Lee Let read from a paper written in Chinese characters an outline of the whole plan. As he read Taylor took notes and afterwards read his notes back to Lee Let and asked him if they were correct. Lee Let said they were. This was introduced in evidence.

THE THIRD VISIT.

On the next visit he again met Lee Let alone. On this occasion Lee Let said that the hui desired to start other games than those which had already been proposed and asked how much this would be, to which Taylor replied that it would be the same as the other. Taylor inquired how he was to be assured that he would get the money and Lee Let said that he himself would.

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JOSEPH H. KUNAWA FOR TAX ASSESSOR FOR MAUI

Treasurer Campbell has made his selection for Tax Assessor and Collector of Maui. It is Joseph H. Kunewa. Campbell will send the name to the Republican Territorial Central Committee and the Republican County Committee of Maui for endorsement.

Kunewa has been Deputy Tax Assessor and Collector for the Districts of Ewa and Waiānae for three years and has been connected with the tax department for five years and more.

"He has always done his work excellently," said Treasurer Campbell, "and is in line for promotion. I selected him some time ago but made no announcement of the selection before because I did not have his consent to the appointment. He has finally consented, and I shall submit his name to the committee."

"He was born and educated on Maui and so he is going back to his old home."

HULA TRUST IS POSSIBLE

The Entente Cordiale Between
Princess and Madame Is
Ruptured.

There is a feud between Honolulu's hula purveyors and Madame Puahi and the Princess Theresa don't speak as they pass by.

It fell out thus: The Princess, who presides over a cosy little Terpsichorean parlor at the corner of King and Alakea streets, conceived the idea that by furnishing a series of refined hulas to be given under the auspices of the Aliioli Royal Dancing Club, during the stay of the fleet, she would not only be doing herself some financial good but would be helping out the entertainment committee by giving the boys something they would be sure to want to see.

The Princess spoke of the matter to her friends and mention of it appeared in the newspapers.

Now there is another hula magnate in Honolulu besides the vivacious Princess, Madame Puahi, justly famed for the recherche little wriggles which she ever and anon gives at her Kapiolani Park residence.

When Madame Puahi learned that Princess Theresa was planning big things in the hula line she got not only mad but busy, and making a tour of the local hulaeries engaged every dancer in sight for fleet week. She will entertain in the name of the Kuonohokala Dancing Club.

When the Princess got wise to Madame Puahi's stratagem she got hot, to put it mildly, but determined not to be outdone, in communicating with the dancers of Laie, Hauula, Punaluu and other places on the windward side of the island, with the idea of rustling up any hula talent available in the suburbs.

"Mrs. Puahi has got all the old, ugly girls in town," declared the Princess. "Their bones crack when they try to dance."

"Mrs. Wilcox can't get any good hula girls outside of Honolulu," remarked Madame Puahi; "the country kind are all too tame. I'm the leading hula lady in Honolulu and when I give a dance there is lots of fun and good time and everybody likes to come and see."

It was stated yesterday that friends of the two ladies are trying to get them to agree in a joint plan of campaign, and while nothing definite is known, it is far from improbable that Honolulu may be the happy possessor of a hula trust in the not distant future.

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE BIG COLLEGES

The College Entrance Examination Board will hold its examinations at Oahu College June 15-20. The certificates of this Board now admit students to all colleges in the United States. President P. L. Horne of the Kamehameha Schools will be in charge of the examinations.

The examinations for admission to Harvard will be held at Oahu College June 22 to 27. President Horne is also the proctor at these examinations. The examinations for Yale are also held at Oahu College, and are under the charge of Dr. C. Montague Cooke. They are scheduled for June 24 to 27. Oahu College will have ten candidates for the College Board examinations, three for Harvard and one for Sheffield. In addition a number of students will enter various colleges on certificates without any examinations.

Students who propose to take any of these examinations and who have not already made application for them should arrange with the proctor or with President Griffiths at the college.

AID COMES TO THE STRICKEN DOMINICIS

The Dominici children and their mother have been provided for. Judge Hart, after reading the account of their destitution, hurried up town and saw that two of the little ones were put in the Salvation Home at his expense. A lady, whose name is not given, paid for the care of another child, and Staff Captain Bradley looked after the fourth one. The baby, as already stated, is in the care of its godfather. Mrs. Dominici has been taken to the Queen's Hospital by Dr. Burnham. Night before last the ten by ten room in Chinatown where the stricken family lived was occupied by ten people, the seven Dominicis having given shelter to three friends as unfortunate as themselves. Clothing is now needed for the children, and some money for the purchase of delicacies for the sick mother would help out.

The S. C. Allen made a smart passage up from here to Grays Harbor. She sailed on May 19 and arrived June 3.

THE CARE OF THE BIG PARK

What Was Done at the Recent
Meeting of Park
Commission.

The last regular meeting of the Honolulu Park Commissioners, held in the office of L. A. Thurston, was quite an interesting one from many points of view and was attended by A. S. Cleghorn, who presided; H. E. Cooper, E. S. Cunha, Marston Campbell, L. A. Thurston and W. M. Giffard; also Superintendent Young and Eben Low, by special invitation.

After the reading and approving of the minutes of the previous meeting, the secretary read a letter from the H. R. T. & L. Co., stating that it had wired and turned on lights in the buildings and grounds of the Beach Park at an expense to it of \$234.63 and further notified the commission that there would be no charge made by the company for the power used, but that the company would not be responsible for maintenance or damages accruing through use of the current.

The commissioners requested by letter that Government Electrician William Frazee examine the wiring and see that it was in a safe condition and also by letter thanked the Rapid Transit Company for its donation and accepted the offer for the furnishing of power.

There being no electric lights in the keeper's cottage on the beach, it was intimated that if asked the Hawaiian Electric Co. would install and supply lights free of charge therein. The request was made by letter.

The next matter of interest was the request of Eben Low for the use of a portion of Kapiolani Park for a cowboy show during the stay of the Atlantic fleet in this city. The request was granted and Low will be allowed to fence in a portion of the park and charge admission to the shows held within the enclosure. He will have to pay a portion of his net profits to the commissioners and leave the park in the condition in which he found it.

The debts of the commission were next touched upon and very feelingly by Mr. Cooper, who detailed the number of sleepless nights he had passed on account of them. The back accounts were soul-wracking and weighed heavily on his mind at all times, and he had undertaken personally to see what could be done in the way of raising money to settle them. In consultation with Superintendent Young he ascertained that the latter had sold three mules belonging to the park for the sum of \$550; that with this sum and the sum of \$340 saved out of the county appropriations, accounts to the amount of \$890 had been paid.

Considerable adverse discussion took place in connection with the fact that Superintendent Young had sold the mules in question without the knowledge or approval of the Park Commission, the view of the Commissioners being that the property of the Commission should not be sold without its direction. The transaction was finally approved, however.

Treasurer Marston Campbell presented his statement showing a balance on hand of \$654.77. Treasurer Campbell also presented a statement showing the total amount of expenditures on the Beach Park premises from July 23, 1906, to March 31, 1908, showing that there had been contributed by the county, \$248.40; by the Territory, \$1800 in cash, making a total cash expenditure of \$2048.40 in addition to which the Territory furnished prison labor to the number of 732 days' labor.

Inquiry by Mr. Thurston as to why the seawall and lattice work at the men's bath house had not been completed as directed at a former meeting revealed the fact that the lack of funds was on account of lack of funds, the county having refused to approve the bills already incurred. The estimate for completing the work and also erecting a door at the women's bath house was a little over \$225, this figure being possible only with the prison labor. The work was ordered done and will be paid for out of the special fund which forms part of the balance in the Treasurer's hands.

Hustace, Peck & Co. had a note directed to them calling their attention to the rules of the park against heavy hauling. Their teams were reported by the superintendent to be cutting up the roads and seriously injuring the bridges in hauling cement. A bill for insurance on the park buildings amounting to \$62.36 was approved and the meeting then adjourned.

ARE TO HAVE A HAWAIIAN MIDWAY

Private parties are active in preparing for the entertainment of the fleet as well as the regular fleet committees appointed by the Governor.

A hui has been formed and has leased the old Enterprise Mill premises on Alakea and Richards streets for the purpose of renting booths for Hawaiian entertainments of various kinds.

Concessions have already been rented to Hawaiian tableaux, hula dances, moving pictures, etc. The grounds will represent a regular midway, and will be brilliantly lighted.

A. V. Gear is agent for the hui that is promoting the plan.

JAPANESE IN KOREA FORCING THE FIGHTING

Sixty-Nine Engagements With the Insurgents
in Nine Days---Many Koreans Killed
and Some Taken Prisoners.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SEOUL, June 5.—The Japanese government has begun an aggressive campaign against the Korean insurgents. There have been sixty-nine engagements within nine days, during which 372 insurgents were killed and 55 prisoners taken.

ATTEMPT ON DREYFUS' LIFE CAUSES MANY ARRESTS

PARIS, June 5.—Two hundred and thirty arrests have been made in connection with the disturbances at the Pantheon.

PARIS, June 4.—Following the ceremony over the remains of Zola here this morning in the Pantheon two shots were fired at Alfred Dreyfus. A spectator was wounded in the hand. The assailant, Louis Gregori, is a member of the staff of a military paper of this city.

OLIVER P. BELMONT IS DYING OF APPENDICITIS

NEW YORK, June 5.—Oliver P. Belmont is dying of an operation for appendicitis.

Oliver P. Belmont, a son of August Belmont, has been a member of Congress, eminent in Democratic politics, and a patron of the turf. He is a multi-millionaire.

RUSSIAN NAVAL REFORM.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 5.—An imperial order has been issued reorganizing the system of command in the navy.

A FRESHET IN HELENA.

HELENA, Montana, June 5.—The streets of this city are flooded and traffic delayed by washouts and landslides.

KETCHELL BESTED PAPKE.

MILWAUKEE, June 5.—Ketchell got the decision in the fight with Papke. There was fast fighting.

MEXICAN DAM FATALITY.

GUANAJUATO, June 5.—A dam burst here yesterday and a score of people are missing.

WANT TO STOP VISIT.

LONDON, June 4.—The Socialists and Labor members of the House of Commons have entered a protest against the proposed visit of King Edward to Russia. A motion of censure in this regard has been defeated.

ROBBERS' BIG HAUL.

FAIRLAND, Oklahoma, June 4.—The bank in this city was robbed last night, the robbers escaping with \$10,000 in currency.

CHINESE IN SEALED CAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—Sixteen Chinese were discovered in this city today in a sealed freight car which had arrived from Galveston, Texas.

LIQUOR LAW SAPPED OF PART OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS

One of the most far-reaching decisions yet rendered touching the liquor license law passed by the last Legislature was handed down by Judge Andrade yesterday afternoon. The decision was in the case of a Chinese from Waiānae charged with illicit liquor selling. The defendant was represented by C. F. Chillingworth and a plea to the jurisdiction was entered.

By this plea the defendant denied that the District Court of Honolulu had jurisdiction to try or determine the case. It was contended that under the liquor license law the defendant in such cases could only be tried in the district court for the district in which the liquor was seized. As the liquor was seized in the District of Waiānae, the case could be tried there only. After extended argument, Judge Andrade decided that the plea to the ju-

isdiction was good; that the liquor license law did limit the jurisdiction to the district court of the district where the liquor was seized. This decision, if upheld, will affect a number of cases now pending on appeal. It is the first law which has had the effect of limiting venue to particular districts.

MEETING CALLED BY GOVERNOR.

Acting Governor Mott-Smith has called a meeting, to take place in the Governor's office Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, of those interested in the entertainment of the Association for the Advancement of Science, which proposes, if sufficient inducements offer, to hold a convention here in 1910. There are several fellows and members of the society resident here, and it is with a view to getting the ideas of these men that the meeting is called.